## **Treasure Coast Health Council**

This is not a Board of County Commission established committee.

Created pursuant to Florida Statute 408.033 Local and State Health Planning.

## **Powers & Duties:**

Treasure Coast Health Council, Inc. d/b/a Health Council of Southeast Florida (HCSEF) is a private, not-for-profit corporation created under Chapter 408.033, Florida Statutes, with the mission of providing coordinated health planning designed to enhance the provision of accessible, affordable and high quality health care services to all persons residing in the service district, defined in the enacting legislation as Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. HCSEF is one of eleven local health planning councils in the state. Local health councils work with the various communities on efforts designed to improve access to health care, reduce disparities in health status, assist state and local governments in the development of sound and rational health care policies and advocate on behalf of vulnerable and underserved populations. HCSEF has a long history and a broad range of experience in health services planning, program development and implementation, and community engagement.

## **How Appointed:**

Martin County is designated by the Council to appoint a health care provider, a health care purchaser, or a health care consumer.

A provider is a health care professional licensed under chapters 458, 459, 460, 461, 463, 464, 465, 466, part I, part IV, part V, or part X of chapter 468, chapter 486, chapter 490, or chapter 491.

A purchaser is an employer in the state, other than a health care facility, health insurer, or other health care provider, who provides health care coverage for his/her employees.

A consumer may be any person other than a person who administers health activities, is a member of the governing body of a health care facility, provides health services, has a fiduciary interest in a health facility or other health agency or its affiliated entities, or has a material financial interest in the rendering of health services.

## Terms:

Board members are appointed to serve for a term of two years (unless he/she is completing a term of a previously held seat). Any Board member with unexcused absences from three consecutive Board meetings, or more than half the meetings in a year, must appeal automatic removal from the Board through written correspondence to the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Membership status shall then be decided by a majority vote.

**Meetings:** The Board of Directors meets every other month on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm at the Health Council of Southeast Florida, Suite 101, 600 Sandtree Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Member	Position	Appointed	Term End
Teena White	Health Care Provider	11/18/2021	11/17/2023
Jennifer Doak	Health Care Provider	05/24/2015	05/23/2025

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